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TAGS: PFOR, MT, US

SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF RELATIONS WITH MALTA

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SITUATION AFTER THE BRITISH LEAVE, WE ARE INSTRUCTING YOU
TO USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS
WITH MALTA. INFO ADDRESSES MAY DRAW ON THESE AS APPRO-
PRIATE TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVE IN MALTA WOULD BE ACCESS TO ITS
FACILITIES BY THE SIXTH FLEET, BUT, RECOGNIZING THAT THIS

IS NOT NOW POSSIBLE, OUR OBJECTIVE IS DENIAL OF SOVIET ACCESS TO THEM. SECONDARILY, WE WISH TO MAINTAIN MALTA'S TRADITIONAL ORIENTATION TO THE WEST AND TO ELICIT SUCH COOPERATION AND SUPPORT AS MIGHT BE ACHIEVABLE. WESTERN ACCESS TO MALTESE FACILITIES WOULD BE DESIRABLE, THOUGH NOT PRESENTLY ESSENTIAL, EVEN THOUGH THE US ITSELF WOULD LIKELY CONTINUE TO BE EXCLUDED.

3. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING US POSITIONS SHOULD GOV-RN OUR CONDUCT OF US RELATIONS WITH MALTA:

-- WE ARE SYMPATHETIC REGARDING MALTA'S LOOMING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND WE ACCEPT ITS NEUTRAL ORIENTATION.

-- WE ENCOURAGE THE WEST EUROPEAN STATES TO BE HELPFUL TO MALTA, AND TO PROVIDE NEEDED ASSISTANCE BILATERALLY AND THROUGH OTHER EUROPEAN CHANNELS SUCH AS THE EC. WE ARE PREPARED TO LEND OUR SUPPORT TO EUROPEAN AND MALTESE EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

-- WE DO NOT WANT TO INVOLVE OURSELVES DIRECTLY IN THE ISSUE OF GUARANTEES FOR MALTA'S NEUTRALITY BUT WANT TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW DISCUSSIONS AS THEY DEVELOP IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FORMULATE A POSITION AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. WE ARE, THEREFORE, OPEN TO DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE PARTIES CONCERNED MAY WANT TO HAVE WITH US REGARDING EUROPEAN GUARANTEES OF MALTA'S NEUTRALITY.

-- WE WANT CONTINUED DENIAL OF SOVIET ACCESS TO MALTA'S
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-- WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE WEST EUROPEANS COULD HAVE ACCESS, AND WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MALTA ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY.

-- WE WARMLY ENDORSE MINTOFF'S DESIRE TO SEE NEW INVESTMENT AND ADDED JOBS AND WILL ENCOURAGE US PRIVATE INVESTMENT SO LONG AS THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CLIMATES ARE PROPITIOUS. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT US BUSINESSES ARE TREATED EQUITABLY AND THAT PAST PROBLEMS WITH THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT ARE SETTLED FAIRLY.

-- WE WISH TO CONTINUE OUR PRESENT LOW PROFILE, WHICH HAS SERVED TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL AND TO AVOID DIRECT US INVOLVEMENT IN MALTESE PROBLEMS.
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